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Letters

Erotic Errata

Dear Editor:

I wanted to draw to the attention of your readers certain mistakes that appeared in Cindy Jourdan's article about the erotic exhibition "The Art of Love" currently showing at my new gallery in Beverly Hills.

Firstly, the attribution of the illustration accompanying the story is incorrect. The painting illustrated is not from late 19th century Japan, but the first page from a Chinese erotic album dating to the late 18th or early 19th century.

I would also like to point out that the Ming Dynasty ended in the 17th century and did not continue into the 19th century as stated in the article. Most of the examples of Chinese erotica in this collection were painted in the 19th century in a style that developed in the Ming dynasty (1368-1644) but continued into the Ching dynasty (1664-1912).

Finally, it should be pointed out that it was primarily the erotic art that was widely destroyed during the political upheavals of this century in China making the examples particularly rare.

—Neil Kreitman
Kreitman Gallery
Beverly Hills

Up Bukowski!

Dear Editor:

Sleeping Next to A December 7th L.A. Weekly

At night the poems crawl out
pushing and shoving into my bed
words stand erect single file
paratroopers about to jump
a mission for Colonel Bukowski
to land in the shadows of a damp thigh
beggars pleading their thirst
holding in front of them voices
whispering secrets I never thought I'd
hear
I reach down to gather them
they climb into me one by one.

Thanks. What an experience!

—Bren Chandler

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Insights

Season's Greetings from Panama

"Insights" got this holiday card in the mail.

Tacky Tacky

In case you missed it, the October issue of *Oui* magazine ran a photo retrospective of all time favorite nudes from the past years. For 1974, there was "Carole" a former "top European model." Carole, *Oui* wrote, was "reclusive, painfully shy, always changing her mind and her moods . . . But now five years later, things have changed once again. Gone is the shyness, for one thing. That vulnerable look. And she seems more at peace now. 'Laid back? Isn't that how you describe my position?' "

What makes all this noteworthy is that Carole died in 1975. Apparently, the boys at *Oui* have been having a little fun.

Short Takes . . .

New York magazine reports that Ted Kennedy did not, after all, get suspended at Harvard for asking another student to take a test for him. Valiant Teddy offered to *take* the exam for a star football player about to flunk out before the big game against Yale. A nice Christmas story . . . The *Baron Report* says a nationwide poll of women has found that liberal Republicans are more sexually liberated than people of any other political persuasion and conservative Democrats are the most uptight. Liberal Democrats are the premature ejaculation leaders and liberal Republicans have the most self-control. So now we really know about Teddy.

Midnight, December 31st, *L.A. Weekly* Style

Documenting the passing of a decade is in the best of journalistic traditions, and we at the *Weekly* intend to do our part.

Bring your camera along on New Year's Eve and at the precise moment at which we swing over the edge of the '70s, never to return, take some snapshots of what's going on. Send them in to us and we'll attempt to come up with some notion of what the next decade will be like. We'll print any of the photos that are outrageous, irreverent and have absolutely no socially redeeming value. Include name and phone number so we can call if we need the negatives.

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